1	2	3
95.	Sri Rangavilas	-2.73
96.	Pankaja	-0.42
97.	Pioneer Mills	-1.08
98.	Balaramaverma	-1.43
99.	Kaleswarar B	-1.69
100.	Coimb. Murgan	-2.73
101.	Somasundram Mill	-1.64
102.	Kaleswarar A	-5.24
103.	Coimb. S & W	-6.36
104.	Sri Sarda Mills	-2.76
	Assam	
105.	Associated	-2.23
	Bihar	
106.	Bihar Coop.	-1.66
107.	Gaya Cotton	-2.81
	Orissa	
108.	Orissa Cotton	-2.32
	West Bengal	
109.	Bengal Textile	-3.00
110.	Luxmi Narayan	-3.26
111.	Arati Cotton	-1.67
112.	Bengal Fine-II	-1.49
113.	Sodepur	-1.33
114.	Central Cotton	-4.35
115.	Bangal Fine-I	-3.05
116.	Bengal Luxmi	-3.05
117.	Shree Mahalaxmi	-3.81
118.	Rampooria	-4.26
119.	Bangasri	-1.94
120.	Jyoti Wvg. Fac.	-1.42

Irregularities in New India Insurance Co. Ltd.

2747. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received from various quarters including Members of Parliament against gross irregularities in Delhi Regional Office-I of New India Insurance Co. Ltd. (NIA) in the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether some frauds in advances in Regional Office-II of the company have come to notice;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Some complaints of general nature about alleged administrative lapses, bias and the style of functioning of Delhi Regional Office-I were received by the management of New India Assurance Company Limited from one of the Members of Parliament and an Employees' Union, among others. These allegations are being looked into by the Audit and the Vigilance Departments of the Company and action if called for, will be taken under Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules of the Company.

(c) to (e). It was reported that one case of misuse of Leave Travel Subsidy advance amounting to Rs. 561/- 0by one Senior Assistant was detected. After enquiry, a penalty of censure and debarring the concerned Senior Assistant for availing L.T.S. facility for next 2 block years, was imposed in February, 1995.

Interest Rates on Deposits of N.R.Is.

2748. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Public Sector Banks are paying a higher and differential rate of interest of deposits made by the Non-Resident Indians (N.R.Is);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rate of interest allowed on NRI deposits and domestic deposit separately as applicable on April 1, 1996; and

(c) the reasons for allowing higher differential interest on NRI deposits?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The rate of interest prescribed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as applicable on April 1, 1996 on NRI deposits and domestic deposits with commercial banks including public sector banks are as given below:

Rate of interest on domestic and NRE deposits

Deposits	Category of Account	Per cent per annum
1. Domestic Deposits	(i) Current	Nil
	(ii) Savings	4.5
	(iii) Term Deposits :	
	(a) 46 days and upto 2 years	Not exceeding 12.0
	(b) Over 2 years	Banks are free to decide the rate
2. NRE Deposits	(i) Current	Nil
	(ii) Savings	4.5
	(iii) Term Deposits :	
	6 months to 3 years and over	Not exceeding 12.0

3. Foreign Currency Non-Resident Accounts (Banks) Scheme (FCNR) (B)

Interest on deposits accepted under FCNR (Banks) Scheme

Maturity Period	Rate of Interest (per cent per annum)			
	Pound Sterling	U.S. Dollars	Deutsche Mark	Japanese Yen
1	2	3	4	5
(a) For deposits for 6 months and above but less than 1 year	5.25	4.50	4.00	0.75
(b) For deposits for 1 year and above but less than 2 years	7.00	6.00	5.00	1.25
(c) For deposits for 2 years and above but less than 3 years	7.75	6.50	5.75	1.50
(d) For deposits for 3 years only	8.00	6.50	6.00	2.00

4. Non Resident (Non Repatriable) NRNR Rupee Deposit Scheme

The banks are free to determine the rate of interest on the above deposits, as set by their internal guidelines.

While the rates of interest on FCNR (B) deposits continue to be prescribed by RBI in the context of deregulation of interest rates and with a view to bringing about an alignment of the maturity structure of Non Resident (External) NRE term deposits with that on domestic term deposits effective April 4, 1996 interest rates on NRE term deposits of over 2 years have been freed and the existing structure of interest rates on such deposits is as under :

(per cent per annum)

Duration	Rates (effective 4.4.1996)
Term Deposits	
6 months and upto 2 years	Not exceeding 12.0
over 2 years	Banks are free to decide the rate.

Further as part of a gradual move towards providing greater flexibility in determining the deposit rates, effective July 2, 1996, commercial banks are free to determine their own interest rates on domestic term deposits of over 1 year, and with the developments in the money markets and the progressive move from cash credit system to loan system, there is a need for providing some outlet for management of short term surplus funds. In view of this the minimum period of domestic term deposits have been reduced from 46 days to 30 days. Accordingly, effective July 2, 1996, the interest rate on domestic term deposits of 30 days and upto 1 year is prescribed at 'not exceeding 11.0 per cent per annum', and for deposits of above 1 year banks are free to determine their own interest rate.

However, while determining the interest rates on term deposits under NRE and domestic deposits above 2 years and above 1 year respectively, banks have to obtain the prior approval of their respective Boards. They also have to exercise utmost caution in offering interest rates on various maturities of term deposits and they should ensure that they do not get locked into excessively long deposit maturities. In this connection banks should undertake a careful review to ensure against overall asset-liability mismatch. Further at any point of time, individual banks have to adopt uniform rates at all their branches and for all customers.

The rates of interest on FCNR (B) deposits have since been revised with effect from 1st July, 1996 as under :

Interest on deposits accepted under FCNR (Banks) Scheme

Maturity Period	Rate of Interest (per cent per annum)			
	Pound Sterling	U.S. Dollar	Deutsche Mark	Japanese Yen
1	2	3	4	5
(a) For deposits for 6 months and above but less than 1 year	4.75	4.50	3.00	0.75

1	2	3	4	5
(b) For deposits for 1 year and above but less than 2 years	6.50	6.25	4.00	1.25
(c) For deposits for 2 years and above But less than 3 years	7.25	6.75	4.75	1.50
(d) For deposits for 3 years only	7.50	7.00	5.00	2.00

(c) In the context of the volatility in the money and foreign exchange market, a number of measures were taken by RBI since October, 1995 to augment the resources of the banking system and to improve the flows in the foreign exchange market. As part of this policy, several measures were taken to enhance the attractiveness of the deposit Schemes for Non-Resident Indian (NRIs) both to the depositors and to banks including higher rate of interest on Non-Resident External (NRE) deposits.

Signing of MOUs

2749. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Memorandum of Understandings signed in Maharashtra, Karnataka and West Bengal with foreign equity participation as on March 31, 1995, separately;

(b) the net investment made by NRIs and foreign companies in this regard; and

(c) the details of projects in which the investment has been made particularly in the field of power, heavy industry and petroleum sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). The information & details regarding MOUs signed by the State Governments & follow up action thereon are not available with the Central Government.

[Translation]

Upgradation of Technology for Small Scale Sector

2750. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether small scale sector requires the upgradation of technology presently being used by them and other assistance required so that in the field of export small scale sector can compete with domestic and foreign market; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To facilitate upgradation and modernisation of technology, Government of India has set up Process and Product Development Centres (PPDCs), Tool Rooms, Testing Centres, etc. at places of clusters. These Institutes cater to the needs of the Industry concerning design, development and testing. A Technology Development and Modernisaton Fund with a corpus of Rs.200 crores has been set up in the SIDBI for financing the export oriented projects for modernisation and technology upgradation in the SSI Sector. This scheme has become operational with effect from 21.4.1995. To facilitate modernisation & transfer of technology, Govt. has also created Trust Fund operated through registered societies with the involvement of Non-Govt. Organisations (NGOs)/Associations.

To encourage the units in small scale sector to develop total quality management (TQM) to improve the quality of their products, Govt. of India as well as SIDBI are reimbursing the part cost of acquisition of ISI-9000 series certification.

Coal Distribution

2751. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal under their consideration pertaining to the coal distribution to the retail sellers of coal from Rajhara Coal Mines of C.C.L.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise, in view of reply given to (a) above.

[English]

Rehabilitation Industries Corporation

2752. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rehabiliation Industries